

RCES  
#13

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service, with sufficient postage, as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
on December 5, 2003

Date of Deposit

Amir N. Penn (40,767)

Name of applicant, assignee or  
Registered Representative

Amir N. Penn

Signature

12/5/03

Date of Signature

RECEIVED  
DEC 12 2003  
GROUP 3600

Case No. 9683/66

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

YAMAMOTO, et al.

Serial No: 09/508,473

Filed: March 9, 2000

For: BILLING METHOD FOR  
COMMUNICATION NETWORK

Examiner: Chencinski, Siegfried E.

Group Art Unit: 3628

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (37 CFR § 1.114)**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

12/10/2003 DTESEM1 00000045 231925 09508473  
01 FC:1801 770.00 DA

Dear Sir:

Applicant requests continued examination under 37 CFR § 1.114.

Applicant is:

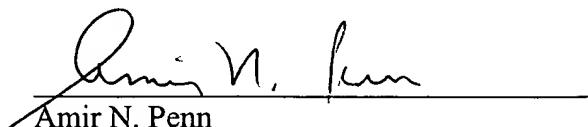
a small entity, verified statement is:  
 attached  
 already filed

other than small entity

- The fee set forth in § 1.17(e) must be filed along with this request:
  - Attached is a check for the § 1.17(e) fee.
  - Charge the § 1.17(e) fee to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.  
A duplicate copy of this request is attached.
  
- A submission must be filed along with this request. The following submission(s) is(are) filed herewith:
  - An Information Disclosure Statement
  - An Amendment to the written description, claims, or drawings  
(Response to Office Action dated September 5, 2003)
  - New Arguments and/or New Evidence in Support of Patentability
  - Other: Return Postcard
  
- A petition and fee for an extension of the time is enclosed herewith.
- A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the additional claims fee is enclosed.
  
- Charge any additional fee required or credit for any excess fee paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this request is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: December 5, 2003

  
Amir N. Penn  
Registration No. 40,767  
Attorney for Applicant

BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE  
P.O. BOX 10395  
CHICAGO, IL 60610  
(312) 321-4200